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SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS BY IOC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation Limited has announced scholarships for students all over the country;

(b) if so, the details of this scholarship scheme;

(c) the number of students are likely to be benefited this year; and

(d) the selection criteria for such students by IOCL?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) is operating a scholarship scheme for students belonging to a weaker sections of society, as part of its corporate social responsibility programme. In September, 2004, IOC announced 350 such scholarships on an all India merit basis for the academic year 2004-05.

(b): While 100 scholarships are awarded on an all India merit basis to students pursuing graduation and post-graduation courses, 250 scholarships are awarded to students pursuing studies under the 10+ scheme and courses undertaken at Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs).

(c): 350 students are expected to benefit in the current year, i.e., 2004-05.

(d): The selection criteria for these scholars are as under:-

(i) Minimum eligibility marks in the qualifying examination is 65% for candidates belonging to the general category, 60% for those belonging to the Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST)/Other Backward Class(OBC) / Girls categories, and 50% in respect of the physically-challenged candidates.

(ii) Students studying in the 11th standard or in the first year of 2-year ITI course, in the first year of the Engineering Degree course, and the courses leading to the degrees of 'Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery' (MBBS) and 'Master in Business Administration' (MBA), in the academic year 2004-05 are eligible to apply.

(iii) Joint income of the family from all sources during the financial year 2003-04 should not exceed Rs.1 lakh. Preference will be given to candidates whose annual family income is not more than Rs.60,000/-.

(iv) The marks obtained by the students in the examination, which make them eligible to seek admission in the first year of the respective course, will be considered for selection.

(v) The age limit for selection is minimum 15 years and maximum 30 years as on 1.9.2004, i.e., persons born between 1.9.1974 and 1.9.1989 (both days inclusive) .

(vi) There is relaxation in the upper age limit by 3 years for OBC candidates, 5 years for SC/ST candidates and 10 years for physically - challenged candidates

(vii) Wards of the employees of IOC, its joint ventures and subsidiary companies are not eligible to apply.